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## Undefeated fighter from Dagestan returns at Brave 14

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**I**kram Aliskerov who is leading the Middleweight division of Brave Combat Federation with three straight wins and an undefeated professional record will make a return at Brave 14.

The event will take place at the Omnisports indoor club of Tangier, Morocco on 18th August 2018.

The event marks the sixth professional bout for the twenty five year old from Dagestan. Ikram is a Combat Sambo world champion and had defeated three major athletes in his past bouts including Ruffat Asadov, Jeremy Smith and Chad Hanekom.

Ikram is currently a part of Champion Fight Team based on Derbent. He is the first fighter from Dagestan to enter the growing Middleweight



Ikram Aliskerov

division of Brave Combat Federation. The event marks his fourth appearance with Brave.

He will face the veteran Diego Gonzalez who has 33 fights in his career with a record of 20 wins, 12 losses and a no-contest. Gonzalez is from Sweden and trains at the Pan-crase gym, Stockholm.

## Brave 14: first step for further events in Africa

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**B**rave 14 hosted in the Omnisports indoor club of Tangier, Morocco on 18th August 2018 marks the first global martial arts event hosted in Africa with the largest broadcast coverage in the history of the sport till date.

Abu Dhabi Sports will broadcast the event live across MENA region, StarSat and VodaCom will cover the rest of African continent, Combate will focus on the South American markets, FloCombat and Fite TV will focus on the remaining global territories. Brave Combat Federation has stated that further expansion is expected during the days leading to the event.

The event will be held as the first step for the further events that will be hosted in the continent of Africa by Brave Combat Federation. Mohammed Shahid has recently hinted the possibility of South Africa among future destinations for the global promotion. The Kingdom of Bahrain will host the Brave International Combat Week 2018, in the month of

November which will feature a premium edition of Brave Combat Federation alongside the 2018 IMAF World Championships of Amateur MMA.

The event will become the first Bahraini overseas event held under the patronage of the King, Mohammed VI, King of Morocco.

**The way Brave Combat Federation brings together nations, cultures and development in sports is an example for the world. Apart from being the fastest growing global promotion, the venture is also creating milestones with each of its editions**

PRESIDENT OF BRAVE CF MOHAMMED SHAHID

## Girls futsal league gets thrilling opening

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**G**irls League which is held as part of the 6th Khalid bin Hamad Futsal League began on Friday.

The event witnessed a special women's presence with the attendance of several female celebrities.

The first match of the league saw Al Ataa and Al Quwah share the spoils in a six-goal thriller in Group 1.

Alataa's player Mariam Al Tamimi's fine display during the match earned the best player of the match award.

Al Esrar had a perfect start to their campaign in the league, thrashing Al Theqa 15-0 in Group 2. Fatima Mohammed Bu Shehri contributed five goals to the winners en route to being named the best player of the match award.

In another match Al Amal secured a well-earned 5-2 win against Al Azeema.

Muneera Al Hamdan scored a brace for the winners to win the best player of the game award.

In the last match of the day, Al Tahadi tore Al Erada's net with



Al Ataa team's game against Al Quwah

16 goals, but the latter scored a consolation goal. Their broad win was made possible thanks to Eman Al Khatal who found the net on five occasions. She was named the best player of the game.

### Generous Initiative

Dr. Shaikha Yousef Al Jeeb, Assistant Undersecretary for Educational Services and Student

Activities, who was present at the event, branded holding a girls league as part of the Futsal League as a unique gesture extended by HH Shaikh Khalid to provide girls with an opportunity to show their talents. She said that holding such an event for girls "serves an important segment of Bahrain's society, confirmed that this initiative has many benefits, most nota-

bly supporting and encouraging young people to practice sports as a lifestyle."

Fatima Al Tattan, futsal referee in the Kuwait Football Association, expressed her admiration for HH Shaikh Khalid's initiative to embrace the girls, noting that he has harnessed all possibilities and created the ideal conditions for their support in all fields, especially sports.



**All of the top clubs in the world (Barcelona, Real Madrid, Chelsea, Manchester United, etc.) have their youth players playing futsal! In fact, most junior players in Brazil don't play outdoor soccer until around age 13. Instead, they play futsal!**

## Athletes celebrate Olympic Day

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**B**ahrain joined other parts of the globe as they celebrated the 2018 Olympic Day at Isa Sports City's track in Riffa City, with hundreds of participants turning up for the 3km social race.

More than 300 athletes of different ages and nationalities took part in this day-long festivities, organised by Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) in cooperation with the Bahrain Athletics Association's Bahrain Road Runners (BRR).

The event featured a 3km race, which started from the sports halls of Shaikh Isa Sports City in Riffa as all participants received t-shirts with a printed 'Olympic Day' logo, while the organizing committee provided water enroute. All the participants also received certificates of recognition at the end of the race.

Supreme Council for Youth and Sports assistant secretary general and Bahrain Olympic Committee (BOC) secretary general Abdulrahman Askar led the participants



Participants at the walk/run event

at the run.

"We hope to build on the excitement and interest generated by Olympic Day to really promote the Olympic values and encourage people to adopt sport into their everyday lives," said Askar after the event.

Askar added that this occasion observes

the Olympic values of fair play, perseverance, respect and sportsmanship.

He also extended his gratitude to all those who contribute to making this event possible, including the Ministry of Information Affairs, the Ministry of Health and national sports federations.



Supreme Council for Youth and Sports Second Deputy Chairman and Bahrain Olympic Committee Honorary President Shaikh Isa bin Rashid Al Khalifa during a group photo session with Asian Volleyball Confederation (AVC) President Saleh bin Nasser, on the sidelines of the 19th Asian Men's U20 Volleyball Championship being held in Bahrain. Joining them in the visit were AVC General Secretary Chang Chin Jong and GCC Volleyball Federation Chairman and Kuwait Volleyball Association President Waleed Aman. Others present at the gathering were Bahrain Volleyball Association (BVA) President Shaikh Ali bin Mohammed Al Khalifa, BVA Vice-President and Local Organising Committee Executive Director Jehad Khalifan, and BVA General Secretary Feras Halwachi.

